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SUMMARY: COOLING TORRID ATMOSPHERE CREATED BY PANAMA'S RECENTLY INSERTED CANDIDACY FOR THE LA SEAT ON SECURITY COUNCIL BECOMING VACANT IN JANUARY 1976, LA GROUP HAS APPROVED RESOLUTION CALLING FOR "UNANIMOUS DECISION" ON SEAT BY JULY 15, 1975. RESOLUTION EMPHASIZES THAT ARGENTINA CURRENTLY ENJOYS WRITTEN SUPPORT OF MAJORITY OF LA GROUP. LA REPS CONFIDENT THAT ARGENTINA WILL BE CHOICE. END SUMMARY.

1. LA REGIONAL GROUP MET MORNING MARCH 31 TO DISCUSS AGAIN ARGENTINE AND PANAMANIAN CANDIDACIES TO REPLACE COSTA RICA IN SECURITY COUNCIL IN JANUARY 1976.

2. FOLLOWING LA GROUP'S MARCH 19 MEETING (REFTEL), GROUP'S COMMITTEE OF CONCILIATION OF CANDIDACIES FOR SECURITY COUNCIL MET SEVERAL TIMES WITH PARTIES DIRECYLY INVOLVED. ON MARCH 31, COMMITTEE SUBMITTED RESOLUTION FOR GROUP'S CONSIDERATION. THAT AFTERNOON, NICARAGUA'S DEPUTY PERM REP LANG (CHAIRMAN OF LA GROUP IN MARCH) BROUGHT AMB. SCALI TEXT OF RESOLUTION AS APPROVED BY "ALL OF THE LA GROUP". TRANSLATION OF TEXT FOLLOWS:

"THE COMMITTEE OF CONCILIATION ON CANDIDACIES FOR THE SECURITY COUNCIL, COMPOSED OF THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES OF CHILE, MEXICO, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, URUGUAY, AND VENEZUELA, AFTER HAVING HELD SEVERAL MEETINGS WITH THE PARTIES DIRECTLY INVOLVED UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF AMB. SIMON ALBERTO CONSALVI, PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF VENEZUELA, HAS THE HONOR OF SUBMITTING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF LATIN AMERICAN GROUP THE FOLLOWING CONCLUSIONS WHICH ARE BELIEVED TO BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE PARTIES:

"1 THE FUNDAMENTAL PURPOSE OF THE STEPS WHICH HAVE BEEN TAKEN AND THE EFFORTS WHICH MAY BE TAKEN WITHIN THE TIME FRAME INDICATED BELOW IS TO MAINTAIN THE UNITY OF THE LATIN AMERICAN CONFIDENTIAL

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GROUP.

"2. THE OFFICIAL STATEMENT BY THE GROUP ON ITS CANDIDATE FOR THE LATIN AMERICAN SEAT ON THE SECURITY COUNCIL, WHICH WILL BE ELECTED BY THE 30TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL NOT LATER THAN JULY 15, 1975, BY WHICH TIME THE PARTIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED PROMISE TO CONTRIBUTE TO A UNANIMOUS DECISION BY THE GROUP ON THE MATTER.

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"3. THE COMMITTEE EXPRESSES ITS APPRECIATION TO THE
PARTIES AND, IN PARTICULAR TO THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF ARGENTINA, WHICH ACCORDING TO DOCUMENTATION PRESENTED
TO THE COMMITTEE, CURRENTLY HAS THE SUPPORT OF THE MAJORITY
OF THE LATIN AMERICAN GROUP. NEW YORK, MARCH 31, 1975."

3. IN THANKING AMB. LANG FOR TEXT OF RESOLUTION, AMB. SCALI
STRESSED THAT IT IS USUAL FOR US TO DEFER ITS DECISIONS ON
CANDIDACIES FOR ELECTION TO UN BODIES UNTIL IT KNOWS AND
HAS FULL BENEFIT OF THE VIEW OF THE REGIONAL GROUP CONCERNED.

4. COMMENT: AMB. LANG RELIEVED THAT, UNDER HIS CHAIRMANSHIP,
LA GROUP ADOPTED RESOLUTION COOLING TORRID ATMOSPHERE CREATED
BY PANAMA'S RECENTLY INSERTED CANDIDACY. HE EXPRESSES CONFIDENCE
THAT ARGENTINA WILL GET SEAT AND UNDERLINES RESOLUTION'S EMPHASIS
THAT ARGENTINA ENJOYS MAJORITY SUPPORT. OTHER LA REPRESENTATIVES
(E.G. BRAZIL AND PARAGUAY) ALSO CONFIDENT THAT ARGENTINA WILL
BE CHOICE. AMB LANG NOTES TOO THAT RESOLUTION APPROVED DAY BEFORE
PANAMA'S PERM REP BOYD WAS TO ASSUME APRIL CHAIRMANSHIP OF LA
GROUP. AMB. LANG SAYS ARGENTINA CURRENTLY HAS WRITTEN WORD
OF SUPPORT FROM 18 OUT OF TOTAL 23 OR 24 COUNTRIES VOTING IN
GROUP. HE ADDS ARGENTINA HAD THIS SUPPORT BEFORE PANAMA INSERTED
CANDIDACY IN MARCH. IN LA GROUP, PANAMA ARGUED IT NEEDED SEAT
TO PROMOTE INTERESTS CONNECTION NEW CANAL TREATY. ARGENTINA'S
PERM REP ORTIZ DEROZAS REPLIED ARGENTINA COULD VERY WELL
DEFEND PANAMANIAN AND LA INTERESTS CONNECTION CANAL.
END COMMENT.
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